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SUBJECT: IEA PROGRAM FOR LONG TERM COOPERATION

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1. WE DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH MFA/COMMERCE DEPUTY CHIEF OF SECOND SECTION STIG BRATTSTROM, IN ABSENCE OF EWERLOF WHO IS ON LEAVE AND OLANDER WHO IS NOW IN WASHINGTON, J. HOLMQVIST OF SAME OFFICE WAS ALSO PRESENT.

2. BRATTSTROM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE SUGGESTED US ILLUSTRATIVE F.O.B. MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE (MSP) RANGE OF \$5 TO \$7, AND NOTED OUR HOPE THE SWEDISH DELEGATION WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN IN AN AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT ON THE OVERALL PROGRAM ON JUNE 30. BRATTSTROM SAID HE WAS NOT RPT NOT DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IEA MATTERS BUT DOUBTED WHETHER GOS COULD RECONSIDER MSP BEFORE JUNE 30. HE ADDED THAT, DESPITE A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT MUST BE RESOLVED, GOS HAD NO SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH THE OVERALL PROGRAM AND, WITH A RESERVATION ON MSP, MAY BE ABLE TO GO ALONG WITH OTHER ELEMENTS OF LONG TERM COOPERATION PROGRAM ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS.

3. WE SUGGESTED THAT ILLUSTRATIVE MSP RANGE BE USED BY GOS TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT OF OVERALL COSTS AND BENEFITS, CONFIDENTIAL

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THUS PERMITTING ACCEPTANCE OF LONG TERM COOPERATION PROGRAM IN ITS ENTIRETY, IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED IN GOVERNING BOARD ON MSP RANGE. WE ALSO STRESSED NEED FOR SOLIDARITY AMONG IEA MEMBERS ON LONG TERM COOPERATION ISSUES. BRATTSTROM INDICATED

HIS UNDERSTANDING OF USG VIEWS BUT MADE NO COMMITMENT ON WHAT
ACTION, IF ANY, GOS MAY TAKE BEFORE OR DURING GOVERNING BOARD
MEETING.
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